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## Journal

## Office of Legislative Counsel

19 March 1956 - Monday

I. Accompanied Gen. Cabell on a visit to Chairman
Carl Vinson of the House Armed Services Committee, to dis-
cuss the matter. Mr. Smart, Chief Counsel of the
Committee, was present at the meeting. Gen. Cabell briefed
the Chairman on the facts of the case and sought his advice on
steps to be taken. The Chairman indicated that whereas he
sympathized in our policy objectives in discouraging marriages
to aliens, he felt that we should handle these matters on a case-
by-case basis, and that in the present case he felt the Agency
had made: a mistake. Mr. Vinson evidently felt quite strongly
about the case, as did Mr. Smart, and it was made clear
that they would not be able to defend our action if it were in-
vestigated by the Congress. Chairman Vinson made an inference
to the fact that our decision in this case, unless reversed, could
do the Agency considerable harm in connection with the pressures
for a Joint Congressional Committee.
2. Following our meeting with Chairman Vinson, Gen.
Cabell called a meeting in his office with Messrs. Grogan,
Kirkpatrick, Edwards, Lloyd, Lockhart and Paul present.
The General had discussed his session with Chairman Vinson with
the Director prior to the meeting. After some discussion of the
problem, and its implications on our policy and procedures
with respect to marriage to aliens, it was decided that the prior
decision on was to be reversed. was to notify
Grogan was to answer press inquiries with an indication
that the decision had been reversed on appeal. Paul was to prepare
letters for Gen. Cabell's signature to interested Congressmen.
is to draft a revision of Agency regulations on this matter,

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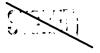
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and will circulate it to others present at the meeting.